

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Telangana Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of **0.020 Ha** forest land (**FP/TG/OTHERS/443469/2023**) for construction of 4G Mobile Tower under Government of India, Department of Telecommunications, Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) for Provision of 4G Mobile Services at Gundam village, Guduru Forest Division, falling in Mahabubabad District, in favour of M/s.Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited Telangana. - Final (Stage.II) approval accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 88

Dated: 04-09-2025
Read the following:-

- 1.From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S, Hyd., Ref.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/50/-2023-FCA Section, Dt:11.10.2023.
 - 2.Govt. letter No.4383/For.I(1)/2023, dt.21-10-2023.
 - 3.From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests(Central), GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-Office, Hyderabad, (RO Chennai) Dt.24.10.2024.
 - 4.From the PCCF(HoFF), TG., Hyd.,Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/50/2023-FCA Section, Dt:13.08.2025.
 - 5.Govt.Letter.No.4383/For.1(1)/2023, dt:22.08.2025.
 - 6.From the Assistant Commissioner(Forestry), GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-Office (RO, Chennai), Hyderabad, Dt:01.09.2025.
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O R D E R

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of **0.020 Ha** forest land for construction of 4G Mobile Tower under Government of India, Department of Telecommunications, Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) for Provision of 4G Mobile Services at Gundam village, Guduru Forest Division, falling in Mahabubabad District, in favour of M/s.Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited Telangana.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests GoI, have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal forwarded vide letter 2nd read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

3. In the letter 5th read above, the State Government have forwarded the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad in his letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai, for according necessary approval.

4. In the letter 6th read above, Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal No (FP/TG/OTHERS/443469/2023) under Section-2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby accord final (Stage-II) approval for Diversion of **0.020 Ha** forest land (**FP/TG/OTHERS/443469/2023**) for construction of 4G Mobile Tower under Government of India, Department of Telecommunications, Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) for Provision of 4G Mobile Services at Gundam village, Guduru Forest Division, falling in Mahabubabad District, in favour of M/s.Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited

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Telangana, under section- 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

1. **General Conditions**

S. No	Conditions
1.1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged
1.2	The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation, at the current wage rate, to the State Forest Department. The CA scheme may include afforestation of indigenous species with appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;
1.3	The compensatory afforestation scheme, as approved, shall be implemented by the State Forest Department at the project cost within a period of three years from the date of grant of 'Final' approval;
1.4	The State Government shall realize the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the guidelines given in Chapter – 3 of the Consolidated Guidelines and Clarification issued by the Ministry in accordance with the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India's order dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 in the matter of T. N.Godavarman Thirumalpad vs. Union of India;
1.5	The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
1.6	Compensatory levies, to be realized from the User Agency, in lieu of diversion of forest land, shall be transferred/ deposited, through e-payment module (https://parivesh.nic.in/) of PARIVESH, into the concerned account of State/UT CAMPA, managed by the National Authority (CAMPA);
1.7	The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required
1.8	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas
1.9	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government
1.10	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal
1.11	The lay out plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government
1.12	The User Agency shall ensure that because of this project, no damage is caused to the wildlife available in the area;
1.13	Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;

1.14	The State Government, before issuing the final diversion order, shall ensure that the user agency has complied with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s), including compliance of Forest Rights Act, 2006, pertaining to this project, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
1.15	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of Comprehensive Guidelines of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter dated 29.12.2023

2. Standard conditions

S. No	Conditions
2.1	N/A

3. Specific Conditions

S. No	Conditions
3.1	The State Government shall raise 100 plants and maintain (for the specific period as per the provision of FC rules 2023) in the Degraded Forest land (DFL) of 0.02 ha ls identified in Compt. No.1082, Kothaguda Beat, Kothaguda Section of Kothaguda Range, Guduru (WLM) for raising of CA Plantation at the cost of the User Agency. The CA shall be carried out as per the time line provided in the FC Rules 2023.
3.2	No work shall be started by the user agency until the final approval under VSESA, 1980 and approval under WPA, 1972 is obtained by the user agency for the project.
3.3	The State Government and the UA shall comply with all the condition placed in SC-NBWL approval for instant proposal.
3.4	The User Agency has made payment Rs. 3,48,860/- towards CA, NPV and Wildlife conservation / Management Plan (Rs.53,080/- towards CA, Rs.95,780/- towards NPV, and Rs.2,00,000/- towards Wild life mitigation/management plan). The levies paid by the UA shall be utilized for the same as per the approved plan/scheme.
3.5	The User Agency shall provide CA in NFL area for compensatory afforestation in lieu of the forest area diverted, if applicable, based on the final outcome in the WP No.1164/2023, which is currently pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The State Forest Department shall ensure that an undertaking from the user agency is obtained in this regard.

6. The Nodal Officer shall be responsible for obtaining the compliance of all the conditions laid down in the Stage-II (final) approval accorded under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

AHMAD NADEEM
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
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Telangana, Hyderabad.

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//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER